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Greetings, my name is John Anderson. I work for the Podesta Group in Washington, and I assist the Republic of Georgia with media outreach. I know you follow events in Georgia, so I thought you'd be interested in the release below.

Best regards,

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***Donald Trump, Silk Road to Develop Luxury
Hotel & Resort Projects in the Republic of Georgia***

NEW YORK — Donald Trump and the Silk Road Transatlantic Alliance, led by Georgian businessman George Ramishvili, today formalized an agreement to develop two major new luxury properties in Georgia. The projects build on Georgia's emerging reputation as a prime destination for tourists and a strategic location for businesses.

"Mr. Trump believes that the Batumi market is ready for a five-star, world-class,

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signature Trump property," said Michael Cohen, Executive Vice President and Special Counsel to Mr. Trump.

"I am thoroughly impressed with the transformation of Batumi by President Mikheil Saakashvili over the past five years. One of my signature Trump properties will definitely add to and enhance the existing beauty of Batumi," said Donald Trump.

The Trump organization's decision to launch two projects—a tower in the capital of Tbilisi and a residential tower in the booming Black Sea resort of Batumi—stands as an endorsement of Georgia's success in building a strong, stable economy and creating an attractive investment climate through democratic and free-market reforms.

"We are absolutely thrilled that Donald Trump, one of the world's great entrepreneurs, has shown such extraordinary confidence in Georgia's future," said Georgian President Mikheil Saakashvili. "Mr. Trump is a discriminating dealmaker, and I know he will find doing business in Georgia very rewarding. We are honored by his selection of Georgia as the newest locale for his growing collection of high-class, international resorts and hotels."

"We worked hard to make this happen and we are certain that this undertaking is destined for success, as Donald Trump knows how success is achieved," Ramishvili said. "It is very important for us to have Mr. Trump as a partner and very important for Georgia to have Mr. Trump as a friend."

A former Soviet republic, Georgia, with about 4.6 million people, is located in the strategically important Caucasus region, with the Black sea to its west, Russia to the north, and Turkey, Armenia, and Azerbaijan to the south. It became independent from the Soviet Union in 1991 and fully embraced a democratic future during the Rose Revolution of 2003.

Since then, the country's leadership has launched aggressive political, judicial, electoral, and economic reforms that have set Georgia on an unwavering path to democracy. This freedom program, and the attention Georgia has paid to creating a welcoming business climate, has paid huge dividends: Georgia is #12 in the most recent World Bank survey of the world's most commerce-friendly countries; #29 in the Heritage Foundation's economic freedom ranking; and #4 in the most recent Forbes Tax Misery and Reform Index.

Transparency International ranked Georgia #1 in the world in the public's perception of the decrease in corruption, and #2 in the public's perception of the effectiveness of the government in combating corruption.

The IMF recently raised its forecast for Georgian growth for 2011 from 4.5 percent to 5.5 percent; raised its projection for foreign direct investment from \$600 million to \$700 million; and estimated 2011 inflation of 8 percent, down from 11.8 percent in December 2010.

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